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SECURITY THREAT FEARED**CIA Wants to Cut
Ex-Agent's Book**

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✓ Victor L. Marchetti, the one-time CIA agent who lost a court fight a year ago to write about his former employers without their approval, is facing a new problem.

After a three-week study of a 530-page manuscript on the activities of the agency, CIA lawyers have decided that nearly 100 pages must be deleted in the name of national security.

Marchetti, who was hoping to publish his book in time for the Christmas buying season, is now considering going to court again to contest the CIA's censorship.

✓ AMERICAN Civil Liberties Union lawyer Melvin L. Wulf, who has represented Marchetti since the beginning of his struggle to publish his memories, yesterday disputed the CIA's contention that its demands are merely a matter of negotiation.

"We're going to negotiate in court," Wulf said, adding that an earlier offer to discuss the manuscript with CIA lawyers last month has been rejected.

Marchetti's earlier struggle to publish without CIA approval went all the way to the Supreme Court where his plea was rejected last December.

AS A RESULT, Marchetti was under court order to fulfill the pledge he signed

upon joining the agency in 1955 that he would never publish anything about CIA activities without prior clearance.

The 530-page typescript went to the agency Aug. 27, and reviewers there have shared it with State Department officials seeking to impose their own censorship of the book.

This is because a coauthor who joined Marchetti earlier this year, John D. Marks, a former Foreign service officer, has been under similar pressure from the State Department to submit the manuscript for clearance.

State Department lawyers until recently denied knowing that the book Marks was working on was already under court order to be submitted to the CIA for clearance.

LAST JULY, the State Department legal office formally requested that Marks submit the manuscript for review.

Marks, Marchetti and Wulf, concluding that in this case the State Department and the CIA were parts of the same government, decided to ignore that request. The State Department quietly acceded by making its own arrangement to look at the CIA copy.

✓ The authors are still not sure what parts of the book the CIA wants to censor. General Counsel John Warner has promised to provide that information to Wulf next week.